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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER On south side of Ballenger Creek Road, 0.3 mile west of Md. Rte.464,  
Congress District

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

CODE  
24

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE  
021**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Vestry of St. Paul's Church

STREET &amp; NUMBER

c/o Cornelia Hickman

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Court Square

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

\_\_\_EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
 \_\_\_FAIR

\_\_\_DETERIORATED  
 \_\_\_RUINS  
 \_\_\_UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒UNALTERED  
 \_\_\_ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
 \_\_\_MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located on the south side of Ballenger Creek Road, 0.3 miles west of Maryland Route 464, approximately one mile northeast of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland.

The structure is a 2½-story, 3 bay-long church set on a very low, coursed rubble foundation. A small, one-story sacristy is attached to the church at the northeast facade.

The principal southwest facade is marked by a pair of matching entrance doors, flemish-bond brickwork with queen closures and an unusual stepped parapet wall. The tall, 8 paneled doors with overlights are reached by identical 7-step stairs with wrought iron railings. Original box locks with keys remain in place. Surmounting each door on the second floor is a 6-over-6 double hung sash window. Above these windows near the peak of the gable is a Palladian window designed to light the interior of the church. The primary 15-light sash and fanlight are flanked by sidelights of 4-lights each. Separating the main sash and sidelights are two pairs of slender, hexagonally shaped engaged colonnettes. Flat arches with splayed ends form the lintels over all door and window openings.

The northwest and southeast sides of the church are laid in common bond brick and are pierced by three equally-spaced 12-over-8 double hung sash windows.

In the rear facade of the church, two 6-over-6 double hung sash windows located at the second story level light the interior gallery of the church. The sacristy attached to this wall is centrally placed, and has a gable roof and a large 6-over-6 double hung sash window centered in its northeast end. A six-paneled door opens into the structure from the southeast.

The church is covered with a shallow gable roof made of slate. A brick chimney with corbel cap is located within the rear wall at the peak of the gable. A sample box cornice encircles all but the front eave of the roof. Each step of the parapet wall is capped by a thin bank of slightly projecting wood covered with modern tin sheathing.

On the interior, the entrance doors open onto two aisles which divide the pew boxes into a central double section flanked by two smaller sections running along the sides of the church. The majority of the paneled pew boxes, painted white with maple lips across the tops, except for a few which were restored after the Civil War. The aisles lead to the altar, placed on a raised platform and enclosed on three sides by a chancel rail. The simple, rounded handrail and thin balusters and turned newel posts are painted white. Behind the altar, a paneled door with finely molded architrave with corner blocks leads to the Sacristy.

In the southwest corner, a winding staircase leads to the gallery which runs along the sides of the church. The majority of the random width pine plank flooring exists in original position. The gallery is supported in five places by crudely fashioned wooden

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Tuscan columns on simple circular pedestals. The gallery is enclosed by a railing similar to that used in the chancel, differing only in the use of thin rounded balusters and simple newel posts. Original backless benches are still used for seating.

Centrally placed between the two entrance doors on the first floor, is a bronze plaque reading: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Erected 1842, Dedicated 1843 by Bishop W. R. Whittingham.

Encircling the church is a sprawling graveyard which stretches approximately 5 yards to the southwest, northwest, and northeast, and approximately 100 yards to the southeast.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **1842**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located at a bend in a busy local road near Point of Rocks, Maryland, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an important local landmark. The late-Federal church, its exterior in remarkably intact condition is well sited on top of a small hill which commands a magnificent view across the rolling countryside near the Maryland-West Virginia border. With its stark outline and lack of ornate decorative detail, St. Paul's is unique to the area which is typically served by white frame, Gothic-styled churches.

The church served a parish drawn from St. Mark's, Petersville, which dates back to 1800 and was originally part of All Saints' Parish, Frederick. In 1841 the members of St. Mark's applied for a division and a separate parish by the name of St. Paul's was created. The minister from St. Mark's continued to serve St. Paul's for at least forty years.

The church and cemetery stand on land known as the Duvall and Wirts (Virts) parcels, each of one-half acre. Several other small additions to the acreage bring its total up to approximately four acres.

Dr. Lloyd Duval donated the material for the church. True to the architecture of the period the pews are boxed and there is a gallery around three sides of the building. The sanctuary has a three-sided alter rail. During the early life of the church, parishioners entered by the righthand door and the slaves by the left to ascend to the gallery.

The church was built largely through the efforts of Ann Belt Duvall. She was the first person to be buried in the graveyard. As young girls, Ellen Moffett and Sarah McGill solicited subscriptions on horseback for the building of St. Paul's.

St. Paul's was used by detachments of the United States Army during the Civil War. Union troops were quartered in the church during the years 1862, 1863 and 1864. The Union troops of Cole's Cavalry with Means, Keys, Vernon, Grubb and Banford as officers in charge were quartered in the church during the years 1862, 1863 and 1864. When the soldiers were away for a short time a guard was left at the church. During the first year of the war it was used as a hospital.

A claim was made to the government for damage to the church. Among those testifying were two emancipated slaves who had attended the church, one serving as sexton. The church was paid \$1,000.00 for repairs.

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Use of the church was discontinued in 1960 because of the condition of the interior; the joists, walls, and sanctuary were all in need of repair. Miss Cornelia Hickman and three other women under her spirited leadership accomplished what would seem the impossible task of raising the necessary funds (\$10,000.00) for the restoration in the middle 1960's. The buoyancy and determination of these four women resulted in the completion of the restoration in 1969. The church is heated electrically and music is furnished with a "Smith" parlor style foot pump organ for services held on special occasions. The Reverend A. Dickerson Salmon, now rector of All Saints' Church, Frederick, officiated at the dedication ceremonies.

There are several unusual gravestones cut from "calico rock," a vein of multicolored conglomerate rock found locally, in the cemetery. This burying lot is now nondenominational.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Court of Claims of the U.S. "St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church vs. the United States"  
 (Cong. No. 12, 530)  
 "Old St. Paul's, Point of Rocks to Re-Open", THE POST, Frederick, Maryland, Saturday,  
 August 23, 1969.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.98 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

1km

NAME / TITLE Douglas M. Greene, Cornelia Hickman, Fritz Keller and  
Mary Margrabe

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, Inc., MHT

DATE

October 26, 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1110 Rosemont Avenue, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21701/21401

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_

LOCAL \_\_\_\_

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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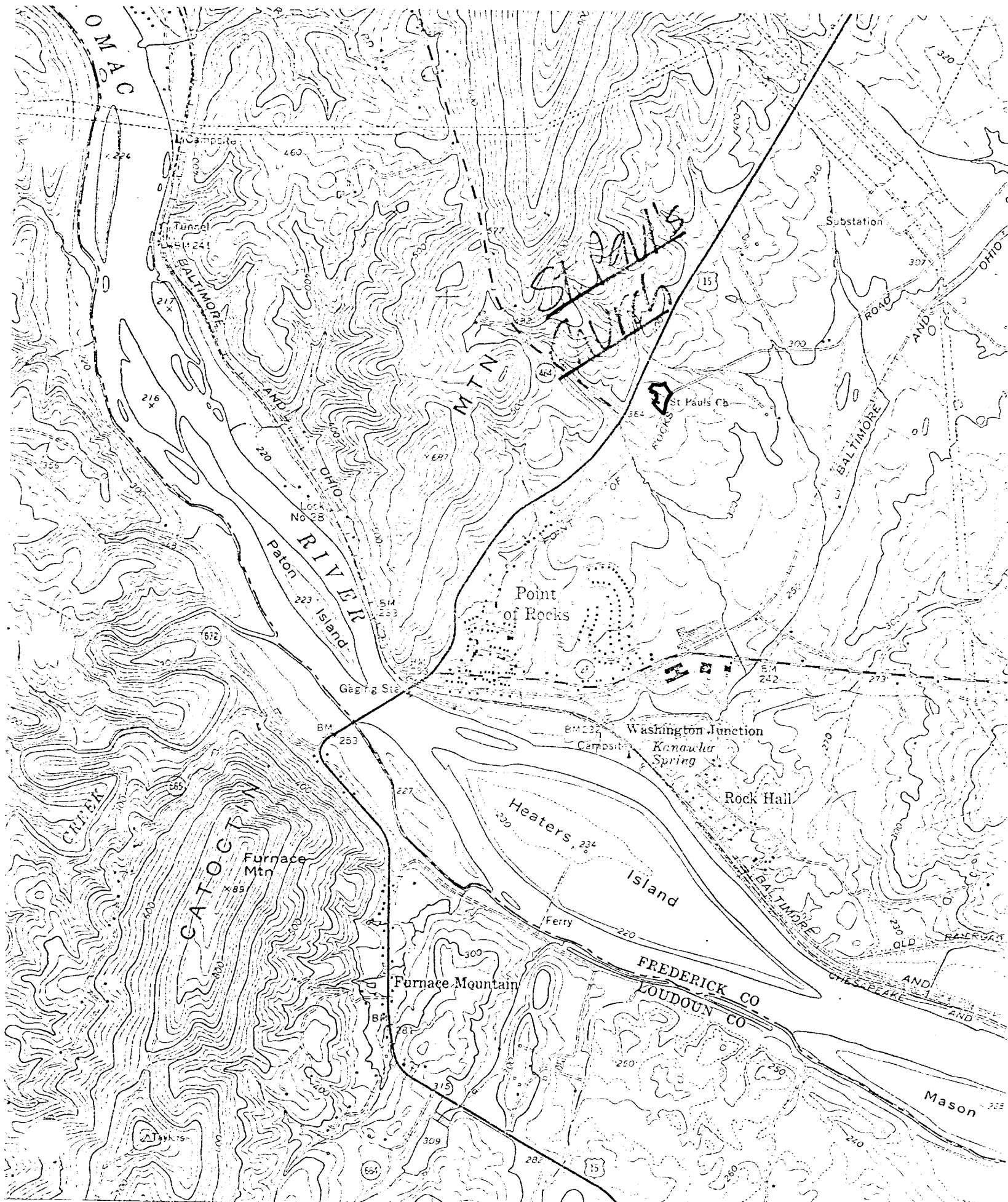


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SCALE 1:24,000

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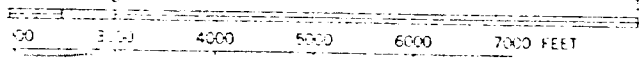
Point of Rocks  
Road

280,000 FEET (VA.)

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway,  
hard surface

Light-duty



1 MILE